

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 24, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered.

By means of the present amendment, claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice and its features included in independent claim 1. Accordingly, no new issues requiring a new search have been introduced and entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0097194 (Uchida). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-2 and 4-10 are patentable over Uchida for at least the following reasons.

Uchida is directed to an electronic apparatus that has both an organic electroluminescent device and a liquid crystal display (LCD) device. As specifically recited in paragraph [0056]:

The sealant substrate of the organic EL panel 10 functions to prevent penetration of oxygen and water into the organic EL panel 10 and functions to physically protect the organic EL

element itself. A two-liquid epoxy thermosetting resin or a UV setting resin can be used as a sealant (adhesive), and this is applied to a specified sealant substrate and sealed.

Thus, any sealant in Uchida is only for the organic EL element itself. It is respectfully submitted that Uchida does not disclose or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

wherein the fastening means is a perimeter seal providing, in co-operation with the first and second substrate, a closed housing for the first and second light emitting device.

These features are nowhere disclosed or suggested in Uchida, which merely discloses to have a sealant for only organic EL panel 10. The perimeter seal that provides, in co-operation with the first and second substrate, a closed housing for the first and second light emitting device, provides substantial benefits, such as allowing use of "only a single perimeter seal ... to enclose two light emitting devices which results in a thin construction because the seal line adds substantially to the overall thickness." (Page 2, lines 28-30)

Even if the Uchida LCD is also sealed, then Uchida would have

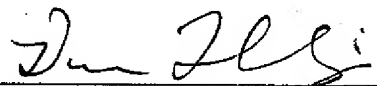
two displays, each being sealed by its own sealant. That is, two sealants would seal two displays. A (single) perimeter seal providing, in co-operation with the first and second substrate, a closed housing for the first and second light emitting device, as recited in independent claim 1 is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Uchida.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2 and 4-10 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from amended independent claim 1.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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